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**District Governors
Newsletter**

March 2011

DG'S JOTTINGS

March is Literacy Month and we should be encouraging and promoting reading and reading skills through education, however it seems that everywhere we look and read, that some part of the world is experiencing tragedy. Late February saw the Earthquake in Christchurch New Zealand. However, without the skills to read and understand, many people are missing out, be it good or bad, on the knowledge to learn and be aware of the world and life around them.

You will have received information on how to send donations to my fellow NZ DG Margaret Reeve, so once again I seek your assistance where possible.

The year is flying by and I ask two things of you please:

1. Complete your Presidential Citation form and return it to me by COB March 31st. This year RI Pres. Ray made the criteria very simple and I am sure if you look at all the requirements, that your club will have achieved them in one way or another. (if you have mislaid your form email me for another)
2. If you have determined your Club Changeover date, please let me know.

I would like to thank all those members who willingly gave their time and donated goods to assist those in need throughout Queensland. From feedback I have received, your efforts are, and have been sincerely appreciated. We must also remember our own District members who suffered losses and received the wonderful support of their fellow Rotarians – *thank you.*

DG John

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Club Presidents have now received material expressing our desire to submit candidates for a Fellowship in 2011/12. There are two separate opportunities to participate in this prestigious program.

- 1) A Master's Degree to study for eighteen months at one of the six off-shore Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Applicants need to have a commitment to international understanding and peace by having graduated in a related field or possessing a desire to undertake this community service through relevant experience. The Fellowship is worth more than US\$40,000 covering return airfares; tuition fees; lodging etc., at universities in either the US; UK; Japan or Argentina.

- 2) A Professional Development Certificate course run over 3 months at the Rotary Centre for International Studies at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Applicants need to have a minimum of five years relevant work experience to qualify.

Should members know of a suitable candidate for either award, please discuss this opportunity with them and by directing them to the rotary.org website. Please either contact Catherine Bonifant (07) 5571 1194) or myself, so we can further encourage their application, which will need to be with us by 13th May 2011.

TRF accounts

Total world-wide contributions to The Rotary Foundation in 2009/10, amounted to US\$268.8 million, which included US\$110 million from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication. The total amount was an increase of US\$44.7 million from the previous period. The Annual Program Fund

received US\$100.4 million, slightly up on a year earlier.

With the recovery in world investment markets, total assets of TRF rose by US\$77.1 million in 2009/10 to US\$731.3 million, however this valuation is still some US\$100 million below that reached in 2007/08. This is still a credible result considering the Trustees did not need to sell any assets at a loss over the past three years. Hopefully, this year's results will mean a full program distribution in the coming years.

The Permanent Fund's assets rose to US\$187.2 million from US\$168 million a year earlier, but this is still some US\$30 million below levels reached before the global financial crisis.

Basketball for Polio

We suspected the late switch of day and time of our dedicated basketball game would be detrimental to our attendance and we were right. Last year, we had over 400 Rotarian bookings but this was reduced this year by more than 50% due to the change.

However, basketball fans were more than generous to our cause. Our collection volunteers obtained \$1930, an increase of over 30% a year earlier. Rotary was promoted heavily again, with many patrons spending some time inspecting the marvellous Disaster Aid Australia tent and equipment.

On behalf of the Basketball sub-committee, I would like to thank all those Rotarians who gave up their time to hold out the "End Polio Now" buckets in order to receive the above satisfactory amount, in just over 90 minutes. Well Done!

Submitted by DRFC Chair Doug Brown RC of Surfers Paradise

GROUP 6 – AG NEIL THURLOW

Parkwood

The Rotary Club of Parkwood was chartered in 1993 and the current president is Paul O'Neil. Membership is 18 with three possible members making enquiries. The club raises funds using the traditional Rotary Sausage Sizzles along with a new initiative, "The G.C. 100" which is a charity bike ride of 100 kms. This was first run in 2010 and after its success will surely become a major fund raiser in the future. In response to the Queensland floods and in conjunction with the Gold Coast City Council the club ran an online "Mattress Appeal", which was to purchase mattresses for flood affected families and in excess of \$17,000 was raised. The club is very active in their support for the Rotary Youth programs. The club has arguably the best website in the district.

Runaway Bay

The Rotary Club of Runaway Bay was chartered in 1989 and the charter president at the time was Laurie Buckley, who is also the current president. Membership is 23 with around four people making enquiries to join. Being an active club, the members took up a shopping centre collection to assist the Queensland flood victims and raised the sum of \$12,500. The club supports Rotary Youth programs and is in the process of evaluating a New Zealand program called "Healthy Heroes" with the idea of implementing the program in local schools. The programs objective is to improve the health and well being of young children. In 1988 Laurie initiated the "Bowel Scan Program" through the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, being the first Queensland club to do so.

Broadwater Southport

The Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport was chartered in 1980 and the current president is Tracey Haynes. Current membership is 42 with Tracey having recently inducted five new members. The club has a variety of fund raising strategies to support both their local community as well as assisting those disadvantaged overseas. These range from

a Rotary Race day, a dinner to support "Polio Plus" and the "Annual Memorial Kokoda Walk". This walk is to support a hospital in Papua New Guinea, Gold Coast Legacy and other Rotary children projects. The club supports local charities such as Family Support Groups, Riding for the Disabled G.C. and the Youth Health and Education service which supports homeless and disadvantaged youth. Rotary Youth programs are also supported.

Ashmore

The Rotary Club of Ashmore was chartered in 1990 and was the first club in district 9640 to induct women into Rotary. The current president is Steven Gill and the membership is 37 with two persons enquiring about membership. The club has a long history of raising funds through sausage sizzles but also runs a monthly "Car Boot Sale". A new initiative is a Baby and Fashion Show. The club supports the Rotary Youth programs, Brave Heats and the Rotary Foundation. Also supported is Dragon Fly Kidz, which is a program to support children who have a terminally ill parent. With all their commitments the club was also able to raise \$5,500 to support the Queensland Flood Appeal.

Southport

The Rotary Club of Southport is the oldest Queensland club in District 9640 and was chartered in 1945. The current president is Steven Penfold and the membership is 46 with Steven inducting 3 new members. The club has a variety of fundraising activities such as a dinner to support RAWCS, but it is the operation of the Carousel at Broadbeach that allows the club to provide support for local charities, such as Paradise Kids, of \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year, a portion of the takings from the carousel was set aside and the sum of \$5,000 was donated to the Queensland flood appeal. The club is an enthusiastic supporter of the Rotary Youth programs.

Hope Island

The Rotary Club of Hope Island was chartered in 2003. The current president is Rick Jewson and the membership is 41 with 5 new members inducted in this Rotary year. The club has a wide range of fund raising activities; These range from the traditional Sausage Sizzle, a Gala Golf Day, a Black Tie Dinner and the MS Mega swim to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Rotary Youth programs are supported along with Disaster Aid and Polio Plus. A substantial donation was also made to the Queensland flood appeal. As one of the newer Rotary Clubs in the district they have made a huge difference to the community through their support of local charities.

A NEW CLUB FOR D9640 LTD

"WELCOME FASSIFERN VALLEY"

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boonah, The Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley was officially recognised by Rotary International in December 2010 and DG John received their official Charter mid January.

The concept came about from an idea by PDG Arthur Devin and Graham Porter back in DG Peter Robinson's year. Much planning, many emails, phone calls and completion of paperwork resulted in the Club chartering with 23 members and more waiting in the wings.



The Charter President is Graham Porter, Secretary Wade Curtis and Treasurer Natalee Klan and their meeting day is Wednesday.

The Fassifern Valley township and rural surrounds is a highly productive agricultural area, producing up to 90% of Australia's carrots, together with lucerne and other cash crops. One of the principal industries and activities is the Amberley Air Base which is on the edge of the Fassifern Valley.

Members have Saturday April 30th, 2011 booked for their Charter Dinner and all would be welcome to join in the celebrations. Venue and cost etc.. yet to be confirmed.

Should clubs in the District wish to present a gift to Fassifern Valley, please contact President Graham Porter on 07 5467 1404.

Submitted by DG John RC of Mullumbimby

COOMERA VALLEY PROVIDED ASSISTANCE

On Sunday 16th Jan, a group of us went up to Graceville near Brisbane to help clean up after the floods.

There were 10 of us from the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley and 6 friends of Rotary. The Rotary Club Group went up in our bus and were followed by 3 x 4wd vehicles with our gear.

We had 2 x 6kva generators as power was no longer connected to the premises that were flooded.

In a trailer there were 5 electrically powered water blasters and 3 petrol powered units. These were incredibly good in getting the mud out and disinfecting after.

We were an entirely self sufficient unit that only need water to do the job.

Our main task was to clean the horrible mud out of the houses and disinfect them at the finish. It took 6 hours to do but we managed to clean 5 units and 3 houses.



We had plenty of food and water and gave quite a lot to the residents we helped.

The whole day took around 9 hours including travel and when we got home we were rather tired. It was well worth the effort and hugely appreciated by the poor people who have lost so much.

One really has to be there to appreciate the enormity of the disaster, the debris and the amount of damaged household effects to be taken away was staggering.



Rotary's name was very visible on our bus but our main concern was not the publicity but to do as much good as we could and I am sure we did just that. I am very proud of my Group of Rotarians that helped.

It makes me very proud to be a Rotarian. "Service above self", I think we did that on Sunday the 16th.

Submitted by Pres. Rod Harmer R C of Coomera Valley

EARLY ADVICE FOR GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE FOR 2012

GSE dates for your information:

Arizona - District 5510 1st May to 1st June 2012

Wisconsin /Minnesota - District 6250 11th May to 11th June 2012

Team Leader selection: Saturday 3rd September 2011

Team Member selection: Weekend of 17th and 18th September 2011

Please start to identify suitable candidates for team leader and team members.

Team Leader applicants must be

- Experienced Rotarians, especially in International Service.
- Well informed on Rotary and Australia.
- Available and responsible for team preparation and training prior to departure.
- Able to assume complete charge of their team, possess outstanding interpersonal communication skills to enable them to act as advisor and counsellor when the need arises, and be able to liaise between host clubs, the host district at large and their team

- Prepared to remain with their team for the duration of the study tour.
- Willing and able, physically and otherwise, to keep pace with the vigorous program of study planned for the team members.

Team member applicants need to be:

Australian citizens; aged between 25 and 40; committed and enthusiastic business people or professionals; personable, articulate, cooperative and able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel; and, able to participate in an intensive itinerary. Applicants need also to be employed or reside in Rotary District 9640 and have been employed in their business or profession for a minimum of two years. Rotarians and relatives of Rotarians are not eligible to apply.

Applications will open 1st June and close 5th August (team leader) and 19th August (team member). Please phone 07 55244368 or email wendy.scarlett@hotmail.com for further information

Submitted by Wendy Scarlett -GSE Chairman - RC of Tweed Heads South

JOIN WITH LISMORE WEST TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS ON SATURDAY JUNE 4TH 2011

Lismore West was sponsored by the RC of Lismore and chartered 12th June 1961. The Club currently has 38 members and is noted for its fellowship and friendship.

Over the past 50 years the Rotary Club of Lismore West has a proud record in all Avenues of Service and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in financially supporting a wide variety of charities, disadvantaged groups and humanitarian programs, throughout our local community, nationally and internationally, including The Rotary Foundation.

Our Club is also proud to have provided P.P. Jim Dowling, P.H.F., as the 1991-92 Governor of Rotary District 9640. Charter member, P.P. Ken Ramsay, P.H.F. had a 100% Attendance record for 42 years until he became ill in 2003, passing away on 12th November, 2005.

So come and join us on Saturday 4 June 2011 – for our 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Rotary Club of Lismore West at the Lismore Workers' Club, commencing at 6.00pm. Cost to be advised in due course. For further information please ring Norm on 02 6624 8171

Submitted by PP Norm Robinson – Club Historian RC of Lismore West

VALE

John Beadsworth was a member of Alstonville Rotary for 20 years and President in 1992 -93. During his year as President, John & Elizabeth's only son Richard 24 was tragically killed in an Army black hawk accident but John proudly continued his duties as President.



John was one of the quiet achievers of Rotary always there - especially with fundraising through the bbq and cubby house. John also held various Board positions. John was recognised with a PHF for his Community Service. John & Elizabeth hosted several YEP students.

After a courageous battle with melanoma cancer John passed away 1.2.2011 and the many, many friends at his funeral was a true testament to a wonderful man.

Submitted by PP Harry Pampel RC of Alstonville

DANISH FOR ALSTONVILLE & BALLINA ON RICHMOND

A special 'Danish International Night' was enjoyed by sixty Rotarians, partners and guests at a combined meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Alstonville and Ballina on Richmond at the Pioneer Tavern, Wollongbar on 2nd February. This occasion was an unique opportunity for the two neighbouring Clubs to welcome home Alstonville's outbound YEP student Lauren Bell Johansen, recently returned from her year in Denmark, and to celebrate the first six months of inbound Danish student Johan Hammer, hosted by Ballina on Richmond.

Johan, currently staying with Clarissa Heugill and Mick Lyons, arrived

with a good command of English and has been busy enjoying his first YEP camp, making new friends and settling down to some studies at Emmanuel Anglican College in Ballina. Demonstrating a good musical ear, Johan gave a spirited rendition on the didgeridoo and illustrated his talk with many photos from his experiences.



Lauren, now fluent in Danish, had crammed a great deal into her year, had many exciting activities including bungee jumping, made 'heaps' of new friends and even found time to research her ancestry which led to a family reunion in Norway.

YEP Counsellor, Sue Lloyd presented Lauren with her Christmas present, Rob McArthur provided a brief overview of District Youth Programmes and DG John Randel proposed the toast to "Youth – Our Future"

Both students have gained a great deal in their personal development and proved to be great ambassadors for their countries. We wish them well in their further studies and chosen careers.

Submitted by PP Peter Swain RC of Alstonville

VALE



Jock Crooks was inducted as a member of The Rotary Club of Casino on the 23rd of March 1953 adding up to almost 58 years, this is truly a remarkable achievement and one that will remain unrivalled. In 1957 he was elected club President and over the years held all executive positions; as well Jock was chairman of various avenues of service.

Jock recorded an amazing 100% attendance for 53 years and managed to attend other clubs, including making up in five states of Australia, New Zealand, U.K., Malaysia and the USA, as

well as visiting kindred clubs in Lismore and Kyogle. The RC of Hall in the ACT held fond memories for Jock, and PDG Bernie Rodgers of The Rotary Club of Hall has advised that the club would be making a donation to the Rotary Foundation out of respect for Jock.

In 2003 PDG Ross Smith presented a DG's Service 'Above Self Award in recognition and sincere appreciation of 50 years dedicated to all avenues of service and to The Rotary Club of Casino. Jock also was awarded The Senthil Vasan Trophy for Casino Rotarian of the year.

Jock enjoyed attending many District Conferences and it is believed that this could be around 50. In 1956 he attended the Asia Pacific Rim Conference in Sydney and world conferences in Sydney (1971) Melbourne (1973) and Brisbane (2003) In recognition of Jock's outstanding commitment to The Rotary Club of Casino he was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1992.

Submitted by Pres. Terry Brown RC of Lismore /PP RC of Casino

HONOUR FOR AUSSIE YEP STUDENT

Outbound Youth Exchange Program student, Chanel McCarthy Partridge, from Murwillumbah is making the most of her time in Texas. (Chanel is the one with blonde hair)



Chanel recently went to Tulsa where she was one of 200 YEP students to audition to sing at forthcoming Rotary's International Convention. She was one of 50 chosen to sing at the event. Then she became the only student invited to speak.

So at RI Convention, she will address 2000 Rotarians at their premier event for the year! Needless to say her parents, Johnny and Michelle, and her sponsor club, RC Mt Warning AM are very proud of her. She had been overseas for less than a month when this happened.

Submitted by Pres. Lyn Sullivan – RC of Mt. Warning AM

ROMAC FUNDRAISING NIGHT WITH MAX WALKER AT YAMBA

Congratulations to Stafford Sheldon, President of the Rotary Club of Yamba, for a very uplifting and fun night at the Bowls Club on Saturday 19 February. Max Walker, Australian patron of ROMAC, gave an entertaining talk on his cricketing career, amazing experiences and his long term involvement with ROMAC and its patients. Picture shows Max with K'Chin (Vietnam) and 2 y.o. Gayreen (Vanuatu) and Mum Paula.



Max also drew the winning entry in the 2nd "Win a Peppers Holiday" promotion. The lucky Club was New Zealand's RC of Pukekohe.

Submitted by ROMAC Fund Raising Director Jill Ellis RC of Gold Coast Central

DAA RECEIVES DONATION FROM UNUSUAL SOURCE

"Benji" resides at the Hope Island club and has always been dedicated to raising funds to assist those less fortunate than himself. To date he has donated in excess of 15 boxes to Disaster Aid Australia.

Benji & DGN Sandra presenting Jenni Heenan with a further \$1200 for Disaster Aid.



Submitted by DGN Sandra Doumany - RC of Hope Island

CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

The Rotary Club of Parkwood change of venue effective Wednesday February 16th. **Venue now:** Parkwood International Golf Club, Conference Centre, 76 - 122 Napper Road, Parkwood QLD. All other details remain the same.

New Secretary for Hope Island - PP Jim Elmslie

PDG Denis Green of RC Grafton advises his email has changed to: denisgreen35@bigpond.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A. Westerman - Allora
P. Morton - Allora
S. Staunton - Allora
W. Wiid - Allora
Bernadette Groves - Ashmore
Amanda Fry - Ashmore
Rachel Harvey - Tenterfield

NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Congratulations to Clarissa and the Sponsor club for the continued support & commitment to the Rotary Foundation

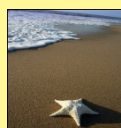
Clarissa Heugill - Ballina on Richmond

Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: January 2011

Rotary Club	Attendance		Year to Date		Membership		
	This Month %	Rank	%	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Allora	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Alstonville	64.71	29	73.27	21	24	24	-
Ashmore	86.00	13	81.46	14	37	36	-1
Ballina	71.30	25	68.10	32	36	38	+2
Ballina-on-Richmond	84.00	16	84.03	12	25	21	-4
Beaudesert	80.00	19	86.14	9	21	23	+2
Boonah	74.70	24	76.46	18	42	41	-1
Broadbeach	59.62	35	67.60	34	50	48	-2
Broadwater-Southport	0.00	=37	66.61	35	39	41	+2
Burleigh Heads	60.00	=33	48.57	41	23	27	+4
Byron Bay	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=37	23.54	45	15	14	-1
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	70.37	26	73.84	20	28	29	+1
Coomera River Middy	66.70	28	71.30	29	23	21	-2
Coomera Valley	94.44	=4	85.48	10	26	24	-2
Glen Innes	68.33	27	71.94	27	38	39	+1
Gold Coast Central	0.00	=37	17.71	46	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	79.00	=20	72.00	=25	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=37	14.29	=47	19	18	-1
Grafton	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	19	19	-
Grafton Middy	0.00	=37	9.93	49	23	23	-
Hope Island	62.96	32	72.99	23	39	43	+4
Iluka	82.00	17	84.10	11	13	13	-
Jimboomba	100.00	=1	100.00	1	23	22	-1
Kingscliff	55.55	36	62.69	36	10	10	-
Kirra Currumbin	92.30	6	94.56	4	13	13	-
Kyogle	0.00	=37	35.14	44	12	10	-2
Lismore	64.00	=30	73.22	22	13	11	-2
Lismore Central	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	14	14	-
Lismore West	81.25	18	93.58	5	39	38	-1
Macleay	90.93	9	82.24	13	41	40	-1
Mermaid Beach	98.00	3	89.80	7	26	27	+1
Mt Warning AM (Mur'bah)	100.00	=1	95.86	3	32	33	+1
Mudgeeraba	87.00	=11	96.25	2	26	25	-1
Mullumbimby	87.46	=11	71.89	28	21	18	-3
Murwillumbah	91.67	8	92.33	6	34	33	-1
Murwillumbah Central	0.00	=37	60.59	37	20	19	-1
Nerang	94.00	=4	73.92	19	16	16	-
Palm Beach	0.00	=37	47.77	42	25	25	-
Parkwood	85.00	15	72.14	=25	20	19	-1
Robina	0.00	=37	14.00	=47	22	21	-1
Runaway Bay	87.50	10	68.16	31	23	22	-1
Southport	0.00	=37	47.52	43	46	46	-
Southport North	0.00	=37	67.93	33	18	17	-1
Stanthorpe	85.50	14	72.87	24	42	40	-2
Summerland Sunrise	60.00	=33	54.07	40	12	13	+1
Surfers Paradise	0.00	=37	58.75	39	23	22	-1
Surfers Paradise Central	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	64.50	=30	69.55	30	48	47	-1
Tenterfield	92.10	7	87.37	8	26	29	+3
Tweed Coast	75.00	=22	79.48	15	15	18	+3
Tweed Heads South	0.00	=37	59.66	38	24	21	-3
Warwick	0.00	=37	0.00	=50	19	15	-4
Warwick Sunrise	75.00	=22	77.47	17	22	20	-2
Yamba	79.37	=20	78.02	16	22	23	+1
Totals			Totals		1407	1389	-18



Country to the Coast Conference



**Yamba, April 1st to 3rd
Register NOW!!!**